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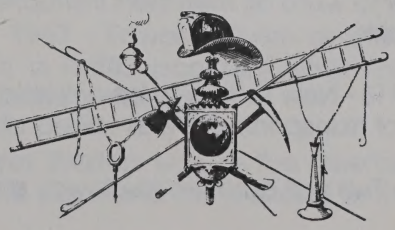
DEPARTMENT HISTORY

On November 7, 1885, Edward Long, Hugh Culbertson, Frank Borst, Frank Benedict, George Lanning, Eli J. Coder and Frank Rose were appointed by the town board of Auburn to constitute and charter members of a fire department.

The first meeting of the fire department was held on November 9, 1885. The first officers were Edward Long, Chief, Frank A. Benedict, Assistant Chief, Frank E. Rose, Secretary and Hugh R. Culbertson, Treasurer. The first fireman in addition to the above officers were Howard McCird, Charles Schaab, Charles Jackson, J.A. McIntire and W.P. Harter. Constitution and Bylaws were written in 1885. The first name was The Hoosier Boys Fire Company.

Alarm boxes were installed in Auburn and were placed in service in late 1891. The first hydrant was used on December 6, 1898 on a building located at 8th Street belonging to R.J. Lockwood and F.A. Hoff. The Fire Department was reorganized on December 6, 1911, and was renamed the Auburn Volunteer Fire Company. Ora Brandon was named Fire Chief and George Weaver Assistant Chief.



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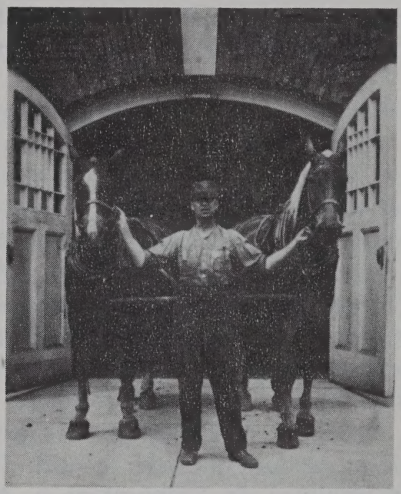
The following information is taken from the minutes of the meetings dating from January 7, 1914 to January 1, 1985.

January 7, 1914 - By recommendation of the Mayor, Willis Baughman was named Fire Chief.

January 8, 1914 - At 7:15 P.M., the full equipment of the department was moved from the old barn on West 6th Street to the new fire quarters in the new City Hall and the first meeting was held in the apparatus room.

January 12, 1914 - The first fire alarm received into the new Fire Station was at 316 West 19th Street, the residence of Horace Shoemaker where a chimney was burning. The chimney was fire proof and no damage was reported.



Horses and driver (name unknown) in front of fire station bay doors.

September 2, 1914 - A new chemical tank was installed on the hose wagon and ready for operation. Not until September 1, 1915 were all members instructed to operate the chemical tank.

December 4, 1918 - New ladder to be ordered was discussed and a way of transporting it was talked about.

March 5, 1919 - The first auto fire truck was discussed.

August 6, 1919 - Report on delivery of auto fire truck to be made about September 1, 1919.

November 5, 1924 - A motion was made that the Company give a banquet and take the expense out of the general fund. A committee was appointed to see where it would be served and they chose the Temple Cafe as there price was $.80 a plate and to be held on December 3, 1924. Total bill $24.00.

1884 Ahrens - Fox Horse Drawn Steamer #416, 4" size, 500 GPM and hose cart. (year of picture unknown)

July 1946 - Gilbert Potter was Fire Chief.

July 6, 1946 - The Fire Department received an Iron Lung donated by the Moose Lodge which all firemen were instructed in how to operate.

1946 - A wrecked 1936 Ford Panel Truck was bought and rebuilt into a country truck. It carried 500 gallons of water and was put into service sometime during 1946.

February 16, 1947 - Edward Quinn and Raymond Kester were killed in a traffic accident while returning from a mutual aid run to Fort Wayne.

July 1948 - Wes Walters was at the meeting and gave a report as to the stove and the disposal of the old truck.

Early Horse Drawn Fire Wagon. (year unknown)

April 1949 - Wes Walters gave a report that the council intends to put on another fulltime driver. (This would mean there would be two fulltime drivers)

January 1950 - Dennis Lung is to be the second fulltime driver.

February 1951 - Chief Potter gave a report on the Foundry and Bassett fires. The Foundry wrote a nice letter of appreciation for our services and enclosed a check for $125.00.

January 1952 - Fire report of 1951 — 69 calls. Foundry fire $500,000.00, Bassett Oldsmobile fire $30,000.00, leaving a loss of $240.00 for the rest of the calls.

July 1953 - There was considerable discussion about the condition of the Iron Lung and if it would be worth the cost of repairs.

August 1953 - The new truck is to be shipped September 6.

December 1953 - This meeting was a rather sad one as we held a few minutes of silent prayer for one of our members, Everett Stebing who was severly injured on December 4. (Note: a cement block fell on him during new construction at The Auburn Rubber Co.)

January 1954 - 1953 fire report, 76 calls. City loss of $6805.00.

January 1955 - 1954 fire report, fire calls were down to 43 but the losses mounted to $37,000.00 due to two bad calls.

June 1956 - It was decided to do some practicing before the meetings to get the winter dust out of the trucks.

September 1956 - On August 18, 1956, we lost one of our members, Grover "Bud" Flood, in a tragic auto accident.

April 1957 - The Taxi will take any fireman to a fire who doesen't have transportation at no cost.

January 1959 - Fire report for 1958 was 72 calls.

February 1959 - Chief Potter gave a report on a new type of umbrella to be used in going up to a fire. Also a new type of suit that isn't as clumsy as our old asbestos one.

May 1959 - There was quite a discussion about the forth coming of the dial telephone and how the fire calls may be made.

September 1959 - Chief Potter gave a report on the fire losses at the Norwalk Terminal, $2,000.00, Auburn Foundry, $5,453.00, Leas' Store, $98,850.00.

April 1960 - It was decided to get two new Scott Air Packs.

December 1960 - Councilman, Dorsey Spears gave a report that the J C Anns will be able to buy the department a new Inhalater.

June 1, 1961 - Chief Potter gave a report on the fire losses at the Shine Shoe Store, Value Dress Shop, Landys Mens Wear and the Garns Building.

July 1961 - Chief Potter becomes a full time driver in addition to his duties as Chief and Dennis Lung resigns as a driver and becomes a volunteer.

May 1962 - Chief Potter reported on a new type of nozzle for puncturing walls and ceilings and that he was going to order one.

July 1962 - There was a discussion on specifications on a new aerial ladder truck.

January 1963 - 1962 fire report, 105 calls.

July 16, 1963 - The department entered the 1930 American LaFrance fire truck in a parade of the I V F A convention at Angola, IN and won a trophy. On the way home, the bearings were burned out of the engine. (Historians note it has been told the truck got as far back as the junction of 427 and 27, north of Waterloo, IN)

May 1964 - The Indiana Rating Bureau tested both trucks (1947 and 1953) at Wilsons pit, south of Auburn, both trucks passed.

September 1964 - Chief Potter read us parts of the Rating Bureau report and it was a fairly good report.

November 1964 - There is going to be a change in the department by adding another member, also he will be a full time driver. Blake Smith was voted in and will start January 1, 1965.

January 1965 - Chief Potter gave his yearly report on 1964. There were 84 calls with losses of $9,079.00 on buildings and $5,674.00 on contents.

June 1965 - There were only two bids on the new ladder truck, Maxium at $46,980 and American LaFrance at $43,443.00.

December 1965 - Harold Walters, a member for 23 years tendered his resignation effective December 31, 1965.

January 1966 - 1965 fire report, 68 calls with losses at $3,870.00.

April 1966 - Chief Potter brought up for discussion the planned county wide tornado watch drill where all fire sirens in the county would be run at high frequency for 3 minutes.

May 1966 - Chief Potter reported on the new ladder truck and said it would be delivered at the latter part of August.

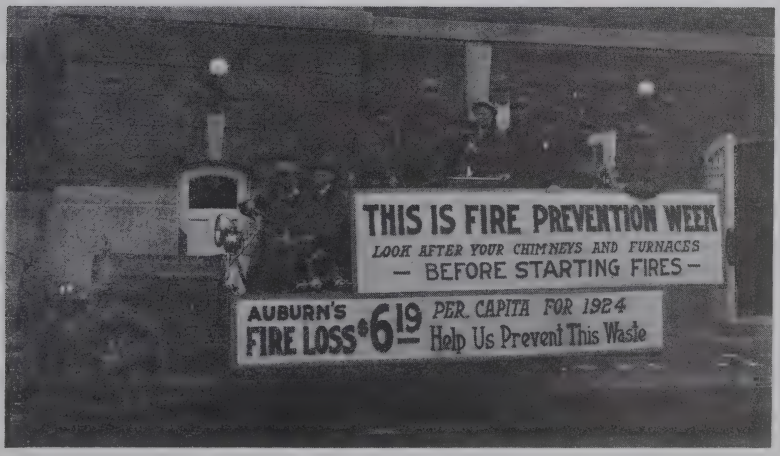
June 1966 - Chief Potter reported American LaFrance is on strike and a delivery date for the ladder truck is in question.

October 7, 1966 - The '75 American LaFrance on Ford Chassis Aerial Ladder Truck was delivered to Auburn by Chief Gilbert Potter, Dennis Lung and Dale "Sam" Grogg and put into service October 11, 1966.

January 1968 - 1967 fire report was $8,000.00 in losses.

January 1969 - 1968 fire report, there were 68 calls and the loss was very low for the number of fires.

October 1969 - We had a special meeting with the council fire committee to discuss the ideas and feelings for new rural fire fighting equipment, mainly a brush buggy and a better water supply. No action was taken at this time, but several good ideas were brought up.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LOOK AFTER YOUR CHIMNEYS AND FURNACES
— BEFORE STARTING FIRES —
AUBURN'S
FIRE LOSS $6.19 PER CAPITA FOR 1924
Help Us Prevent This Waste

1917 Fire Truck - During Fire Prevention Week in 1925 - Note doors of the fire station.

August 1970 - The ambulance and first aid service must be improved according to the last legislature. We were approached as to the idea of a combined ambulance-rescue unit by Dr. Edwards and Homer Beers. After a discussion, it was agreed that we do not have the manpower to give to this project.

March 1971 - Chief Potter reported the brush buggy skid mount pump and tank would probably be ready to mount on the new truck about March 8.

December 1971 - The new Mayor, John Foley, gave his views of the department and presented his Fire Chief Bill Walters and Assistant Chief John Hess.

January 1972 - Chief Walters ask for some volunteers to bring the old (1930) LaFrance truck from the street department building. This is to be done on Saturday afternoon January 8 at 1:00 PM. A general discussion was held on the condition of the truck engine.

May 1972-John McComas resigns after 27 years on the department due to health reasons.

June 5, 1972 - Robert Bard resigns after 27 years.

August 1972 - Chief Walters reported the new tank truck for the department has been OK'd by the City Council.

September 1972 - Chief Walters stated he recieved a letter from the Forest Ranger Service concerning the supply of trucks available. These are army trucks suitable for brush buggy or tanker service.

November 1972 - Effective December 1, 1972, Clarence Boger becomes a full time driver as the fire chief position becomes a full time position.

March 1973 - Chief Walters stated the departments new emergency van is now in service. (This was a Ford Van bought from the Holsum Bakery. It was later sold to Ward Taylor)

April 1973 - Dennis Lung resigns after 28 years.

October 24, 1973-The 911 emergency telephone number goes into effect.

December 1973 - First call letters of the departments new base radio were KVU 758. These were later changed to KVU 466 on January 7, 1974.

January 2, 1974 - A special meeting was called to discuss new uniforms. It was decided to have burgandy jackets and blue pants. The men were to purchase the pants and the department would purchase the jackets. Both pants and jackets were purchased at Bennet Clothes of New Haven, Indiana.

February 4, 1974 - The first tanker of the department was put into service and any one driving it should be very careful as the front end is light in weight.

July 1, 1974 - William Hathaway MD was elected as a new member to replace the resigning Harry Scribner.

August 6, 1974 - This is the day for opening bids on the new pumper, bids were taken under advisment by the fire committee. An order was issued by Chief Walters that 1½" hose lines were to be used on all structure fires, NO booster lines.

November 4, 1974 - Election of officers was held. Gene Stebing , elected as Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Greenfield elected as Captain, Curt Howard elected as Lieutenant and Clarence Boger elected as Historian.

December 1974 - Don Grogg was appointed to get a plaque for Rol Muhnn for his years of service as Santa Claus with the fire department and to be given to him on February 8, 1975 at a supper.

February 3, 1975 - Earl Healy, Dennis Winebrenner and Charles Keen were appointed as probationary members of the department.

February 5, 1975 - The fire department purchased a new portable pump for the tanker from Shorty's Motor Service.

March 27, 1975 - Work has started to remodel the new living quarters for the department.

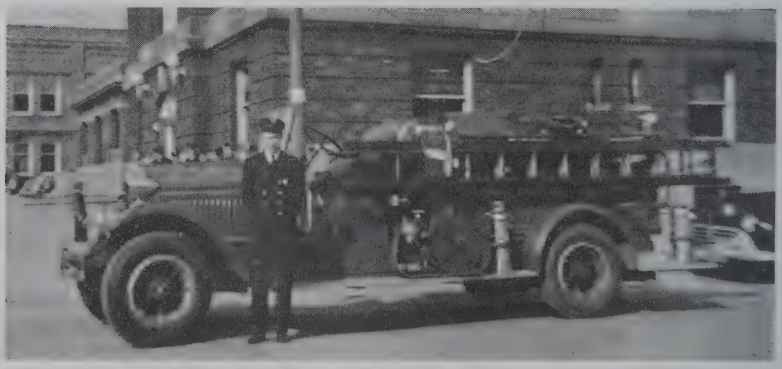
1917 Fire Truck shown in a junkyard in southwest Auburn.

April 18, 1975 - The new living quarters were completed and all labor was donated by the fire fighters. The cost to taxpayers was $1,750.00 for materials.

May 12, 1975 - The new portable pump was used for the first time on a mutual aid call with Garrett at a house fire on County Road 19 and 48.

July 28, 1975 - The department received new fire hose for the new truck. (1976 Mack).

October 1, 1975 - Gilbert Potter resigns after 36 years of service for health reasons.



1930 American LaFrance, 500 GPM Pumper - (driver unknown). Pumper is being restored by Auburn Fire Fighters.

December 1975 - New officers for 1976 are Gene Stebing, Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Greenfield, Captain, and Roger Harnishfeger Lieutenant.

December 1975-John Hess and Russ Morton resign effective January 1, 1976.

Januuary 1, 1976 - Dale Heitz was appointed as Fire Chief by Mayor Sanders. Gene Stebing was named as Assistant Fire Chief therefore resigning as Secretary-Treasurer. Dave Winebrenner was then elected Secretary-Treasurer.

January 28, 1976 - Auburn receives a 50/50 grant of $16,200.00 from the civil defense for a new tornado warning system.

February 17, 1976 - Fire Chiefs salary dispute unresolved, which began January 1, 1976 with the appointment of Dale Heitz.

April 20, 1976 - Dale Heitz declared ineligible as fire chief according to city attorney Phil Butler.

May 3, 1976-Former Fire Chief Gilbert Potter dies at age 65.

May 7, 1976 - Auburn receives a new 1000 GPM Mack pumper. This is the first diesel fire truck in the city and purchased from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

May 13, 1976 - The first fire run for the new 1976 Mack pumper was made to Bossell's Junk Yard at the Auburn Junction.

May 18, 1976 - Dale Heitz resigns over dispute of his job and pay. Former Fire Chief Bill Walters was reappointed.

August 3, 1976 - Two Auburn Fire Fighters were laid off in secret council meeting at Mayor Sanders house.

August 16, 1976 - DeKalb County Council approves the purchase of a compressor to fill breathing air tanks for all area fire departments. This was purchased through DeKalb County Civil Defense and is to be housed at the Auburn Fire Department.

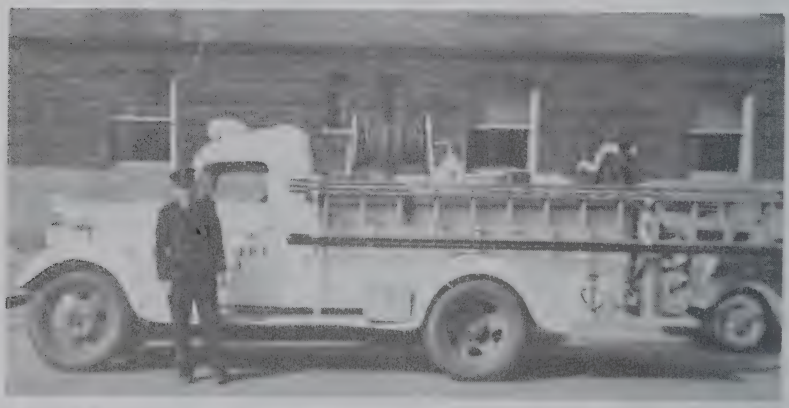
December 12, 1976 - "Santa", Rol Muhnn has his 50th year party as Santa Claus at the DeKalb High School. Auburn fire fighters assisted him.

January 1, 1977 - There were 111 fire calls in 1976.

January 20, 1977 - All City Councilmen and Mayor are impeached. Charges were filed by a citizen in protest to their actions against the fire department.

January 28, 1977 - DeKalb County is under a snow emergency.

February 17, 1977 - Dave Winebrenner resigns from the paid ranks of the fire department due to the hassel with the City Council. Dave was being paid with CETA funds.



1936 Ford Rural Fire Truck with John McComas beside it. (The truck was made from a wrecked 1936 Ford Panel Truck)

February 24, 1977-Richard Stahly takes a leave of absence from the Fire Department after 2 months without pay.

March 7, 1977 - Gene Stebing resigns due to the councilmens interference with the operation of the fire department. Gene was the Assistant Chief. Jerry Greenfield was appointed Assistant Chief by Mayor Sanders. Elections were held with Roger Harnishfeger to replace Jerry Greenfield as Captian and Charles Keen to replace Dave Winebrenner as Secretary-Treasurer.

March 9, 1977 - The DeKalb County Fire Fighters Association purchased a high pressure compressor, through the DeKalb County Civil Defense, for filling breathing air bottles for area fire departments.

May 2, 1977 - Charles Keen resigns to take employment in Columbia City.

June 6, 1977 - The City of Auburn orders a new rescue - emergency unit from Daily Motors of Auburn.

June 30, 1977 - The tornado system was activated for the first time for a sighting of a tornado near North Crest in Fort Wayne and one near State Roads 8 and 327.

June 1977 - Roger Harnishfeger resigns as captain due to work load, Curt Howard was elected to fill the position.

July 21, 1977 - Auburn Fire Department received a new 1977 Dodge Kary Van from Dailey Motors as an Emergency-rescue unit.

October 14, 1977 - The new 1977 Dodge Emergency-Rescue unit is put into service.

December 5, 1977 - Another snow emergency.

December 1977 - Officers for 1978 are Curt Howard, Captain, Bill Hathaway, Lieutenant, Gary Miller, Secreatry-Trasurer and Clarence Boger, Historian.

January 1978 - 140 calls were answered in 1977.

January 26, 1978 - Another snow emergency.

February 3, 1978 - Boy Scouts from the area shoveled out more than 200 fire hydrants after a heavy snow fall blanketed the area.

February 1978 - William Fink becomes Auburn's newest fire fighter.

July 14, 1978 - The 1947 American LaFrance Pumper was sold to the American Legion for $1,000.00.

August 26, 1978 - Garns Candy Company is destroyed in a smokey fire.

December 19, 1978 - The city takes bids on a new pumper.

January 1979 - 185 calls were answered in 1978.

March 6, 1979 - Auburn is to order a new pumper.

October 24, 1979 - Dana Corporation donated four 2.2 air packs to the Auburn Fire Department.

January 4, 1980 - Fire guts Western Auto Store in downtown Auburn.

January 8, 1980 - Bill Walters is reappointed as Fire Chief.

January 26, 1980 - Auburn Fire Department honored by the Auburn Improvement Association for its efforts in saving historic buildings in the downtown area.

February 15, 1980 - The 1953 American LaFrance fire truck was taken out of service.

April 22, 1980 - Auburn City Council moves toward a fifth fireman.

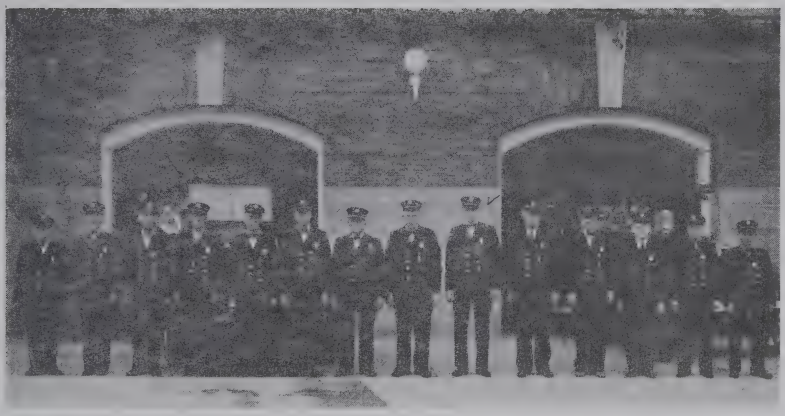
May 7, 1980 - The volunteer fire fighters ask the City Council for $7,000.00 from Federal Revenue Sharing funds for new bunker suits.

May 19, 1980 - Merl Bassett of Bassett Motors repair checked the overhead siren and advised that it could be rebuilt. Motor is approximately 60 years old and is a 7½ HP. No replacement is on the market.

May 16, 1980 - Dana Corporation donates a fire finder -heat detector.

May 31, 1980 - The $7,000.00 asked for by the volunteer fire fighters was cut to $2,000.00 by the City Council. The money was asked for on May 7, 1980 for bunker suits.

June 14, 1980 - David Johnson becomes Auburn's newest fire fighter.



1938 - John Schlink, Walter Moffett, Harry Williamson, Guy Clement, Earl Huffman, Ted Walters, A. L. Cogswell - Chief, Jim Steffen, Perry Long, Bruce Shanton, Frank Dragoo, Frank Baber, Melvin Brandon

June 19, 1980 - Larry Sawyer dies from burns in an explosion and fire at his 617 North Douglas Street home.

December 1980 - There were 2023 man hours spent on training in 1980.

January 1, 1981 - Assistant Chief Jerry Greenfield resigns after 13 years.

January 22, 1981 - The Allen County Coroners Office has ruled that Larry Sawyer delibertly set the fatal fire on July 19, 1980.

January 24, 1981 - A natural gas line break was named the cause of the fire that destroyed the Western Auto on January 4, 1980.

February 10, 1981 - At 2:00 PM a snow emergency was declared by Mayor Sanders.

February 11, 1981 - Fire guts the Maverick Club on South Wayne Street.

February 10, 1981 - Larry and Valeria Lung recieve awards for safely escorting their brothers and sisters from their burning mobile home on January 16, 1981. Jeremy Cassady and Steve Blomeke recieved awards for safely pulling Steve's older brother form Cedar Creek in February.

October 7, 1981 - City Council discusses plans to title the 1930 American LaFrance to the volunteer fire fighters.

October 20, 1981 - The 1967 aerial ladder truck needs costly repairs.

March 14, 1982 - The department used the boat to evacuate approximately 35 people on 11th and 1st streets due to high water. Portable pumps from Angola, Ashley, Steuben Twp., Jackson TWp., Garrett, Hudson and Auburn were used to pump water from Messenger Corp. during the flood.

May 4, 1982 - New electrical mark out board for rural calls is completed. Made by Jeff Stemen and Dave Johnson.

July 11, 1982 - Unit 28 (brushbuggy) taken to Halls Off Road Equipment to have a V blade snow plow installed.

July 15, 1982 - Aerial ladder is out of service until further notice.

September 1, 1982 - Unit 28 returned with snow plow mounted.

December 9, 1982 - The rebuilt engine in the 1930 LaFrance was ran for the first time.

March 5, 1983 - Temperature a record 80 degrees at 3:30 P.M.

Paul Grogg, Harry Williamson, Herb Herbolshimer, Dawson Quaintance, Earl Sommers, Frank Baber, Ted Walters, John Schlink, Charles Kalb, Melvin Brandon, Jay Loutzenhiser, Gilbert Potter, Sheldon Scott, Edward Quinn

Exact year unknown - Believe it was 1943 or 1944

1947 American LaFrance, 1000 GPM Pumper

March 18, 1983 - Randy Carper resigns.

March 20, 1983 - Installed snow plow on unit 28 because of a snow warning with blowing and drifting snow.

May 4, 1983 - Engine in the 1930 LaFrance was started and ran long enough to circulate the oil.

July 6, 1983 - The engine was removed from the aerial ladder by Auburn Motor Sales and taken to Allison's to be rebuilt.

July 21, 1983 - Temperature today is 100 degrees.

July 1983 - The 1976 Mack pumper was used in front of City Hall on Cedar Street to spray water for kids to play in.

August 18, 1983 - Auburn Motor Sales installed rebuilt engine in the 1967 aerial ladder truck.

August 25, 1983 - A 35' ladder was installed on top of pump 23 while the aerial ladder is out of service.

September 12, 1983 - New mat jacks (rescue air bags) were donated by the Jaycees.

May 7, 1984 - Chief Walters reported that the City is borrowing the money for the ladder truck for 240 days with delivery in 30 days. Jeff Stemen leaves the department to move to Florida.

July 9, 1984 - After a discussion on loading of the new 5 inch hose pump, 23 was reloaded by a new method.

December 3, 1984 - Officers for 1985 are Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Hathaway, Historian, Clarence Boger, Trustees, Jeff Stemen, Clarence Boger and Eric Hodge.

January 14, 1985 - A retirement party was held for Blake Smith at the new Michael's Catering Hall on North Street.

February 1985 - A committee of Clarence Boger, Chairman, Bruce Zeiger, Dave Bunn and Earl Healy was appointed to plan with the approval of the department, the centennial celebration.

March 3, 1985 - Kim Boger is the departments newest volunteer.

March 11, 1985 - Fire chief requests more men and new fire station.

May 15, 1985-Dana Corporation donates banner for the departments centennial.

FROM THE LOG BOOK

NOTE: The following entries are from the Auburn Fire Departments Log Book from April 12, 1981 to January 1, 1985. The records from February 1925 to January 1935 have been lost.

April 12, 1891 - At 1:30 A.M. alarm was given. Fire was found to be located in a frame building owned by John Laisure on 7th street and occupied by the Thomas Bros. as a bakery. Building was partially burned. Fire communicated with grocery store of F.A. Hoff a one story frame building on 7th street and extending back to 8th street. Building was partially burned. Stock was taken out partially damaged.

August 20, 1891 - Thursday night alarm was rang, fire was found to be at the residence of Frank Wotoskie on North Van Buren Street which was a total loss of $1,800.00.

January 27, 1892 - Wednesday, 12:30 P.M. alarm sent from box 7 on Main Street caused by a fire at the Furniture Factory. Company was not used, fire put out before it arrived. Damage slight.

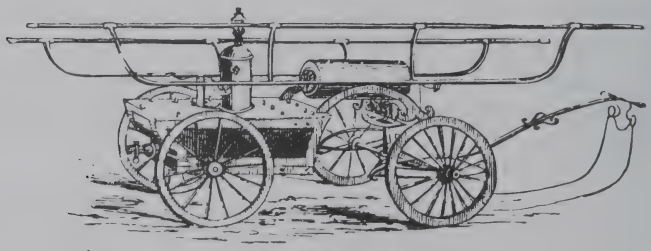
March 22, 1892 - 3:00 P.M. alarm sent in from South end box caused by Fred Franks barn being on fire. Time slow caused from roads being muddy. Entire building consumed.

November 16, 1892 - Sunday alarm from engine house. Alarm caused by Opera House being on fire. Entire building burned, loss $7,000.00. Fire Company could improve and work to better advantage if same fire would occur again.

1953 American LaFrance, 1000 GPM Pumper - out of service.

July 24, 1893 - Alarm turned in from Church Furniture Factory. Company got out in number 1 shape. Fire started in dry kiln from unknown cause. After hard and good work by the Company, assisted by Church Furniture employees, fire was got under control. Damage about $100.00.

August 14, 1893 - Monday, alarm turned in from south end box about 2:30 P.M. caused by a fire in Wm. Armstrongs barn. Engine was very slow in arriving as no one knew where the horses were. Fire caused from a child playing with matches. Loss about $50.00.



L to R, Front Row: Gene Stebing, Dale "Sam" Grogg, Howard Dilley, John Finley, Chief Gilbert Potter, Dale Heitz. Back Row: Harry McClellan, Robert Stackhouse, Al McClellan, Denny Lung, Robert Bard, Harold Walters, Asst. Chief John McComas, Circa late 1950 - early 1960.

December 12, 1893 - Alarm was turned in from south end box about 2:05 A.M. caused by a fire in the Church Furniture Factory. The factory was consumed, together with a vacant house belonging to W.H. McInisten situated about 20 feet east. The company got out in good time, but factory was a mass of flames when the alarm was given, so attention was given solely to adjoining houses and the German Methodist Church. Loss to the furniture factory was $24,000.00, loss on the McInisten house was $800.00. Mr. George Frederick the night watchman at the factory perished in the fire.

L to R: Harry McClellan, Asst. Chief John McComas, Howard Dilley, Dale Heitz, V. Gene Stebing, Driver Robert Stackhouse, Capt. Robert Bard, Dale "Sam" Grogg, John Finley, Alpheus McClellan, Clifford Carnahan, Chief Gilbert Potter, Driver Dennis Lung Early 1950's.

February 9, 1894 - Alarm turned in from engine house, 10:00 P.M., cause of fire in J. W. Baxters residence, a two story frame building with a one story shed roof addition. The company arrived in good time, but there was some delay in throwing water owing to the box containing the spanners broke off at the crossing and also one section of hose getting fast in the cogs on the reel. Taken together however, it was a satisfactory job. Loss about $300.00.

February 5, 1895 - Alarm was sent in from Engine house on account of a fire in A. E. Benedict repair shop. The company was out in good shape, but on account of the very cold weather, some time was lost in getting up steam also on account of slush ice forming in the hose and choking at the nozzel, but the boys did good work. Damage to E. A. Benedict was almost a total loss. Some of the tools were taken out but were damaged. E. A. Benedict lost building and tools, $1,800.00, S. Hollester building $800.00, Hunt, Rooster and Baker $3,000.00.

1961 Ford Van - Auburn Fire Departments first emergency unit, purchased from Holsom Bakery in 1922 for $900.00 and with 170 man hours by the fire fighters, it was put in service in early 1973.

March 22, 1895 - Alarm sent in at south end on account of fire at Foundry of which the company responded but owing to the long run and fire had such headway building was destroyed but the company had hard fighting to keep the fire from spreading. Loss to Auburn Foundry and Machine Works $45,000.00.

December 6, 1898 - Alarm of fire was sent in from engine house and company responded. Fire was discovered in a one story frame building on 8th street belonging to R. J. Lockwood. By good work done by the company fire was under control but had broken through to the building of F.A. Hoff used as a storage room. For this fire one stream was connected to a hydrant of The Water Works which was its first use. Fire was put out with loss to Lockwood of $4000.00 and loss to Hoff of $200.00.

1967 Ford - American LaFrance Quint (75' Aerial - 1000 GPM Pump)

January 16, 1912 - Eckharts Carriage Co. Factory at 3:25 A.M. - $25,000.00.

February 12, 1912 - 3:50 A.M. The Handle Factory burned, $10,000.00 loss.

February 8, 1913 - W.H. McIntyre Factory No. 1, Courior Offices, County Offices of the Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, Court Room, Carter and McNabb car sales room and 4 cars, Double Fabric Tire Co. loss of $100,000.00.

December 27, 1913 - The Post Card Factory on west 7th street, $50,000.00 loss.

January 12, 1913 - On monday morning at 6:30 the first alarm of the year also the first alarm to be sent into the new fire station in the city hall. The call was to 316 west 19th street at the residence of Horace Shoemaker where a chimney being fire proof no damage was reported.

September 23, 1914 - E. D. Baker Bakery on west 7th street. The building was occupied by Mark Kutzns. Damage $275.00.

April 5, 1915 - Ray Dilgard on west 7th street. Fire destroyed 2 barns, and the Dilgard automobile. Losses Ray Dilgard $2,000.00, Dr. J. E. Grahm house $40.00 and the barn $200.00, W. R. Shaffer house $40.00, J. Farley barn $50.00.

November 16, 1916 - Auburn Foundry where north end was on fire. Used 3 hose streams, loss $5,500.00.

January 4, 1917 - 1:15 A.M. - The Auburn Roller Mills, loss $5,000.00.

April 25, 1919 - 8:00 - Osborn and Howie Garage (Garrett and Kendallville called for mutual aid) loss $8,180.00.

October 2, 1919 - 9:40 P.M. - Auburn Automotive Company. Explosion in the enameling ovens. Loss $30,000. Garrett was called for mutual aid.

December 6, 1919 - 3:00 A.M. - Gleasons Feed Store on east 7th street. Loss $2,000.00

December 30, 1920 - 4:30 A.M. - Bassett Grocery on east 9th street, fire in basement. Loss $2,100.00.

L to R, Front Row: V. Gene Stebing, Howard Dilley, Chief Gilbert Potter, Asst. Chief John McComas, Dale Heitz, T. Blake Smith. Back Row: Jerry Greenfield, John Hess, Gary Morton, Al McClellan, Denny Lung, Bill Walters, Clarence Boger, Russell Morton, Robert Bard. Year 1971.

January 6, 1921 - 6:30 P.M. - Explosion at the J. W. Sheffer home on west 9th street. No fire. Explosion caused death of Sheffer's son Herb and daughter Martha.

January 26, 1922 - E. C. Sheets home on west 11th street where the roof burnt off. Loss $1,800.00.

December 15, 1922 - Bonde and E. J. Wyatts Bakery on South Main Street, Damage $1,400.00.

July 19, 1923 - M. R. Webb residence at the corner of 13th and Phillip Street - $1,500.00

December 24, 1923 - Masonic Temple Building on West 8th Street burned. On the first floors was Mr. Bake, The Grocery, Auburn Security Co., Albert Grubb, C. W. Creasy and on the second floor was the Masonic Temple. Loss $49,000.00.

January 21, 1924 - At 8:50 A.M. Dilgards Store on North Main Street occupied by Bisliof Candy Store, Dilgard Furniture Store and Hubbard Drugs. Loss $33,400.00. Also at 9:24 A.M., John Clarks Morgue on East 7th Street burnt, loss $2,465.00.

December 23, 1924 - The Leader Department Store on East 7th Street burnt, loss $6,534.00.

January 22, 1925 - Muzillo Brothers Ice Cream Parlor on West 7th Street, loss $225.00.

January 23, 1936 - Mutual aid to Angola. The temperature was 16 degrees below zero. No mention of what burnt.

June 12, 1936 - Mutual aid with Waterloo to the Saint Michaels Church, north of Waterloo. Loss $9,000.00.

January 22, 1938 - At 1:25 A.M., Auburn Oil Company on South Wayne Street. Fire had a good start.

October 31, 1938 - The Geo. Baxter residence on 6th street was on fire. Fire was in the basement and burnt to the second floor between the partitions. Damage about $1,000.00.

February 3, 1939 - The department was called to 400 South Main Street to the building of Mrs. E. J. Wyatt and occupied by the Churchill Shoe Shop and their residence. Damage was about $500.00.

April 16, 1939 - The Junk Yard owned by M. Schuster and Sons on West 5th Street burnt. Loss $1,250.00.

May 12, 1939 - Company was called to 522 South Indiana Avenue to the house of Evan Kutzner where there was $700.00 damage to the roof.

September 4, 1939 - at 7:30 P.M., a large barn on the Elza Maggins Farm was destroyed by fire. Loss $3,000.00.

January 1, 1940 - At 1:30 P.M. the department was called to the Tinker Shop at Cedar and 7th Street where fire was coming from the windows on the east end of the building.

November 13, 1940 - The Jerry Keller residence at 307 North Van Buren Street burnt. This was the former Eckhart residence which was erected in 1892. The secretary of this department, H.D. Weaver hauled everything on that floor. The house was totally destroyed.

September 23, 1941 - Company was called to Foley Pattern Shop on West 11th Street. Fire caught near chimney, very little damage.

September 23, 1941 - Company was called to the Auburn Rubber Company when sparks from electric welding caught some gasoline on fire. The heat opened the sprinkler system and the fire was out.

January 1, 1942 - Company was called to south Auburn to the Stebing Coal Office. Weather was one degree below zero. Very cold, the hose froze, so it had to be thawed at the engine house. Loss $750.00.

September 3, 1943 - Indiana Fuel and Light Company at the Auburn Junction.

December 27, 1943 - Elson Pfefferl Garage, Tib Muhn owner, at the corner of 9th and Jackson Street.

May 13, 1946 - 12:30 P.M. 11 miles northwest of Auburn, upon arrival found a barn and 5 homes on fire.

February 15, 1947 - Mutual aid to Fort Wayne.

January 17, 1948 - 10:30 A.M. Harold McInturf home at 408 South Phillip Street. Loss $7,000.00.

February 10, 1948 - Jennie Baxter residence at 6th and Cedar Streets. $3,400.00 damage.

1971 Dodge with Darley, 200 Gal skid mount and pump - Brush Buggy

December 17, 1949 - At 10:40 P.M., fire at the DeLuceny Drug Store. Building was destroyed.

July 29, 1950 - Stewarts Bakery at the corner of 7th and Cedar Streets. Fire caused $11,022.00 damage.

January 16, 1951 - At 4:00 A.M. the Auburn Foundry Burned to the ground. Loss $500,000.00.

January 23, 1951 - 11:20 P.M. fire at Bassett Motor Sales at South Cedar and 11th Streets caused $30,000.00. damage.

February 6, 1952 - Neco Mfg. on South Wayne Street. Damage $42,000.00.

December 25, 1952 - Auburn Post Office.

June 25, 1953 - Citizens Lumber Co. on West 5th Street. Damage $2,600.00.

November 28, 1953 - Davis Studio on South Main Street. Loss $995.00.

September 6, 1954 - Citizens Lumber Co. on West 5th Street. Loss $12,000.00.

October 11, 1954 - Angules Studio on South Hazel Street. Loss $24,000.00.

January 25, $955 - Russell Myers potato storage on South Cedar Street. Loss $40,000.00.

July 28, 1956 - Myers Cleaners on West 7th Street. $15,260.00.

March 12, 1957 - 7:45 A.M., Moose Lodge at Main and 10th Streets. Loss $8,245.00.

August 29, 1957 - Auburn High School on South Main Street. Fire and smoke in the kitchen. Loss $1,394.00.

December 4, 1957 - Nor Ann Hat Shop at 212 North Main Street. Loss $7,500.00.

Auburn Fire Department taken in 1974
L to R, Front Row: G. Potter, C. Howard, J. Hess, D. Winebrenner, H. Dilley, G. Stebing, B. Smith, D. Heitz, R. Morton, D. Stahly. Back Row: D. Grogg, R. Harnishfeger, J. Greenfield, C. Boger, B. Walters, D. Toy, Absent are Dr. W. Hathaway and G. Morton.

January 21, 1958 - Charles Harter, 702 South Phillip Street. Loss $4,026.00.

February 14, 1958 - Mutual aid to Dunns Dairy Bar in Waterloo.

June 24, 1958 - Mutual aid to the Butler Company, factory fire in Butler.

July 7, 1959 - Auburn Foundry, West 11th Street. Dust collector fire.

July 8, 1959 - Leas Market, 100 block of East 7th Street. Loss $95,850.00.

July 29, 1959 - Auburn Foundry sand shed. Loss $4,793.00.

February 11, 1960 - 3:00 A.M., Mutual aid to T & H Products, Waterloo.

February 15, 1960 - Max Fetzer, 337 West 11th Street. Loss $4,600.00.

May 10, 1960 - 6:45 A.M., explosion at the Gas Plant at the Auburn Junction.

July 19, 1960 - Mutual aid to Russell Myers storage in the Old Hotel at Waterloo.

September 22, 1960 - Myers Storage on South Cedar Street. Cyanide gas where one man died and 5 were hospitalized.

January 23, 1961 -Shine Shoe Store on South Main and 9th Streets. Loss $59,000.00.

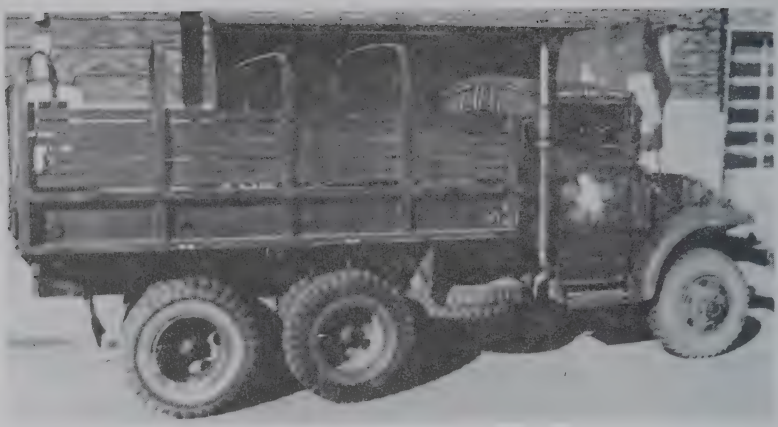
January 31, 1962 - Raymond VanHorne home at 301 South Division Street. Loss $3,000.00.

February 22, 1963 - John McComas at North Jackson and North Streets. Loss $6,148.00.

February 20, 1964 - Bassett Electric Motor Repair Shop, Lakeshore Drive, north of 20th Street. Loss $10,000.00.

October 16, 1964 - Russell Myers potato storage on South Cedar Street.

December 2, 1965 - Russell Myers storage area on South Cedar Street where a house was on fire. Fire was arson. Loss $500.00.



Army Truck when received from the Indiana Forestry before being made into a tanker. October 6, 1972.

January 26, 1966 - Church of God Annex, 14th and Jackson Streets. Loss $3,700.00.

June 22, 1966 - Pemco Adhesives on the Township Line Road. Loss $2,000.00.

June 23, 1966 Jay Sebring residence at 109 East Washington Street. Loss $4,544.00.

August 6, 1966 - Mutual aid to Spencerville Elevator.

September 7, 1966 - Mutual aid to Butler Elevator.

September 16, 1966 - Mutual aid to Waterloo Elevator.

October 4, 1966 - Mutual aid to Garrett Elevator.

December 21, 1966 - Cleo Hammon house explosion and fire at 1010 South Van Buren Street. Loss $9,000.00.

June 5, 1967 - Alva Grogg barn at County Roads 40A and 41, total loss. Waterloo and Garrett assisted.

August 1, 1967 - Ernest Greenfield, 223 South McClellan Street, suicide by fire.

August 18, 1967 - South Edge Trailer Park where a 1000 gallon propane tank broke causing a leak.

March 3, 1968 - Mutual aid to the Hotel Hendry in Angola with the 1967 American LaFrance ladder truck.

June 24, 1968 - Emmo Garrod house at 601 West 7th Street, damage to the kitchen. Loss $4,000.00.

August 28, 1968 - Ball Brass Foundry on South Hazel Street. Loss $2,500.00.

October 23, 1968 - Mutual aid to the Waterloo Elevator.

January 7, 1969 - Mutual aid to Garrett to the Old Littles Hardware building.

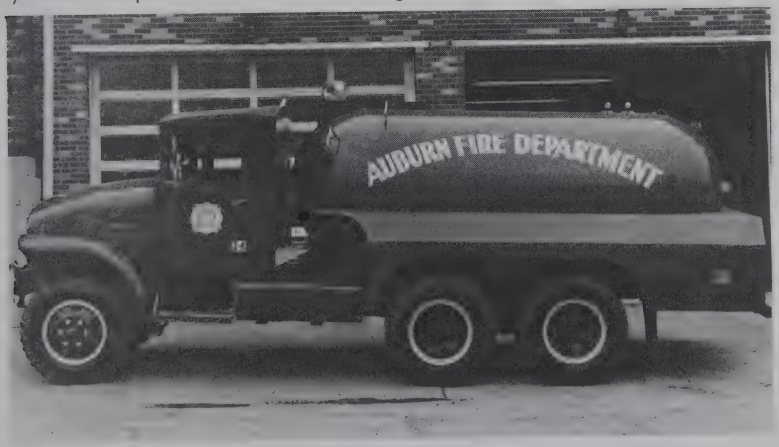
February 1, 1969 - Floyd Mosley home at the southeast corner of 11th and Indiana Avenue. Home was detsroyed, loss $6,000.00.

March 28, 1969 - Ochstine and Bossell Junkyards on South Wayne Street where a tire pile was on fire.

July 26, 1969 - Doctor Hornbacker office on East 7th Street where lighting struck causing the fire. Loss $5,000.00.

September 17, 1969 - Davis Studio, 410 South Main Street. Loss $26,225.00.

January 31, 1970 - Mutual aid to the Spencerville Community Hall in Spencerville. Building was a total loss.



Army truck after being converted into a tanker.
February 7, 1974

May 28, 1970 - Frank Boger's mobile home on County Road 29 just South of the B & O Railroad tracks. This was the last fire in Jackson Township that Auburn responded to after legal notice was given to discontinue service to Jackson Township for not signing a contract with Auburn for fire protection.

July 1, 1970 - Legal notice was given to Richland, Keyser and Jackson Township that fire service previously furnished by the City of Auburn shall be terminated on this date.

January 18, 1971 - Reese Patrick home on Elizabeth Street in the Auburn Junction. Mutual aid with Cedar Canyons, Garrett and Waterloo fire departments. The home was a total loss.

August 17, 1971 - A truck fire at the Gladieux Refinery on 427 North caused 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree burns to the driver, Dennis Pankop.

September 15, 1971 - A two car accident on 427 North at County Road 36 leaves 2 men dead.

September 27, 1971 - Ronald Betz home at 503 South Phillip Street causes $11,219.00.

October 27 to November 6, 1971 - There were 18 leaf fires in various parts of the city.

December 26, 1971 - Marion Kessler residence at 705 East 9th Street. Loss was $5,000.00. This fire was determined to be arson.

February 14, 1972 - Bill Kruse was severly burnt from a gasoline fire at his home on South Wayne Street. $50.00 damage to his house.

June 6, 1972 - Roscoe Husted barn fire on West Township Line Road was a total loss.

September 13, 1972 - The Church of the Brethren at 17th and Jackson Street where lightning struck the church steeple causing $2,000.00 damage.

October 27, 1972 - Fire at the Dan Johnson home at 607 South Cedar Street caused $12,000.00 in damage.

December 25, 1972 - Mutual aid to the IGA Store in downtown Garrett.

March 13, 1973 - Mutual aid to the Waterloo Elevator.

May 24, 1973 - Fire at the Auburn Cord building on South Wayne Street caused $125,000.00.

June 12, 1973 - George Stebing home at 1613 South Sprott Street. Loss $4,500.00.

June 27, 1973 - Mutual aid to the St. Joe Elevator.

June 27, 1973 - a 4-H livestock barn at the fairgrounds on South Union Street was destroyed, loss set at $12,150.00 and was determined to be arson.

July 21, 1973 - Mutual aid to the St. Joe Elevator.

September 8, 1973 - White's Westwood Grocery Store, bakery grease fire caused $3,000.00 in damages.

December 17, 1973 - The Phillip Egly mobile home in the West Edge Trailer Park was destroyed by fire causing $7,500.00. damage.

December 23, 1973 - Wayne Burdic home at 1701 South Wayne Street. Loss $2,000.00.

January 25, 1974 - The Walter Bates home on County Road 27 north. Loss $4,200.00.

April 15, 1974 - At 10:59 A.M. there was a car-truck double fatal-pin accident on I-69 south of Auburn.

April 28, 1974 - The Gerald Witt home on County Road 40A east of Auburn was totally destroyed by fire at 12:44 A.M.

June 22, 1974 - There was a personal injury-pin accident on County Road 27 north of I-69.

August 6, 1974 - An empty house, owned by the Auburn Foundry, at 413 South Phillip Street was destroyed. Loss $11,000.00.

1972 Mack 1800 Gal. Tanker

September 24, 1974 - Lamar Grambling home at 120 East 16th Street had $8,200.00. This fire occured during the DeKalb County Fair and also during the funeral of Auburn Police Officer Cal Easterday.

October 10, 1974 - The Junior Pressler home at North Eckhart and Superior Streets received $6,200.00 damages from a fire.

Total fire and rescue calls for 1974 were 91. There was $31,000.00 damage to buildings with $5,400.00 damage to contents. There were 944.8 man hours spent on emergency runs in 1974.

January 8, 1975 - Mutual aid to the Ashley Consumer Wholesale Store, building was destroyed.

January 15, 1975 - Rescue of Bill Ridenour who had fallen through the ice at Fribley's pond on County Road 36 East of 427. George Ridenour also fell through the ice and drowned.

May 29, 1975 - There was a spectacular wreck of a semi truck loaded with frozen potatoes on I-69 north of State Road 8 with $43,000.00 in damages.

July 20, 1975 - Mutual aid to Garrett at 104 North Randolph Street above the A & M Carpet Store.

August 20, 1975 - Fire did extensive damage to the Lloyd Gahimer residence on 427 south of the B & O railroad tracks in south Auburn.

September 18, 1975 - Gilbert Nash lost his life in a firey crash on County Road 40A, East of Auburn.

December 20, 1975 - Fire destroyed the mobile home of Janet Albright at 702 Peterson Drive, West Edge Trailer Court. A neighbor, Coy Watson was credited with saving the lives of the Albright children.

In 1975, the fire department answered 73 calls and there were losses of $9,650.00 to buildings and $1,550.00 to contents for a total of $11,200.00.

April 1, 1977 - Three local girls die in a firey accident at I-69 and US 6. Auburn Fire Department was called for extrication.

April 15, 1977 - A semi truck loaded with Maliac Acid overturns on I-69 North of State Road 8 pinning the driver.

April 16, 1977 - Arson is suspected in a fire that destroyed an old store building at Bossell's Junkyard in the Auburn Junction on County Road 48.

May 12, 1977 - Three semi trucks collide on I-69 at the exit of the North bound rest park.

1977 Dodge Emergency - Rescue

1976 Mack 1000 GPM Pumper

August 21, 26 and 31, fires at DeKalb Memorial Hospital are believed to be arson.

September 28, 1977 - A train pickup accident injures two teenagers, one was pinned at the Norfolk and Western railroad crossing on County Road 59.

October 5, 1977 - The home of Alva Brown at 329 West 9th Street received heavy fire damage.

November 11, 1977 - Auburn Fire Department was called to a car-truck accident on US 6 in Waterloo for extrication.

December 9, 1977 - The mobile home of Billy Sloan was destroyed by fire at 1041 Susan Street in the West Edge Trailer Park.

December 29, 1977 - Auburn Fire Department assisted Garrett on a propane tank fire at Electric Motors in Garrett.

February 8, 1976 - Auburn assisted Butler and St. Joe on a house fire which burned to the ground, owned by David Arrants at State Roads 8 and 1. Fire departments were delayed by high winds and drifting snow in the years worst snow storm.

March 9, 1976 - Auburn assists Garrett on another major fire in downtown Garrett at the Cartwright Recreation Center at 117 North Randolph Street.

March 11, 1976 - Fire gutted an upstairs bedroom and caused smoke and water damage to the home of Dorcus Cartwright at 343 West 11th Street.

April 12, 1976 - Fire gutted the kitchen of the home of June Jennings at 113 Cord Place.

April 24, 1976 - Sebra Ererick, age 57, lost his life in a fire in his mobile home in the South Edge Trailer Court.

May 24, 1976 - Extensive damage was done, by fire to the Lynn Robinson home at 902 North Union Street.

June 8, 1976 - An overloaded circuit caused moderate damage to the John Dickson home at 203 East 19th Street.

June 26, 1976 - Fire gutted a mobile home owned by Elmer Baker and occupied by the Dave McNamara family at 1106 Steve Street in the West Edge Trailer Court.

July 16, 1976 - Fire caused extensive damage to the home of Micky and Lillie Sexton at 1920 South Wayne Street.

August 12, 1976 - Auburn along with 9 other area fire departments assisted on a fire at Metals and Plastics, on a large pile of telephone cables and wires, in Hudson, Indiana. Auburn was on the scene for 8 hours.

January 3, 1977 - The first call of the year was to the Checker Gas Station on West 7th Street for a gas spill.

January 10, 1977 - The apartment of Gladys Horn at 214 East 15th Street was destroyed by fire.

February 8, 1977 - Fire destroyed an upstairs bedroom at the home of Karen Bundy at 1204 South Cedar Street.

January 7, 1978 - Three people were hurt when their car crashed through the basement wall of a church on County Roads 40A and 47. It was an extremely foggy night.

January 22, 1978 - Fire heavily damaged the home of Clint Renfrow at 1918 South Wayne Street.

February 26, 1978 - Fire destroyed the mobile home of Johanna Pennington at 1032 Steve Street.

March 14, 1978 - Auburn Fire Department assisted the Waterloo Fire Department on a fire and explosion at Indiana Decorative at 210 South Wayne Street in Waterloo.

April 2, 1978 - Two people were injured and pinned in their car when it hit a large farm disc on County Road 36, ½ mile west of County Road 19.

May 2, 1978 - The home of James Reed, 1501 South Dallas Street received heavy damage by smoke and fire at 1:12 A.M. At 7:42 A.M. fire fighters were called to the Auburn Hotel where the boiler had exploded setting fire to an old couch.

1980 Mack 1000 GPM Pumper

June 7, 1978 - A driver was pinned in his wreckage and critically injured when his truck crashed into the rear of another truck.

June 22, 1978 - Auburn Fire Department assisted Angola Fire Deapartment with the aerial ladder on a fire at the Steuben County Farm Bureau Co-Op elevator in Angola.

August 8, 1978 - A large barn on the Wayne Hanes farm on County Road 36 West of County Road 19 was destroyed by fire.

August 19, 1978 - The home of Clarence Fugate at 218 South Wilson Street was destroyed by fire.

August 25, 1978 - Dennis E. Osborn from Bryan, Ohio was killed as his truck overturned at County Road 35 and State Road 8.

August 26, 1978 - The Garns Candy Company on South Union Street was destroyed. During the fire, David Pusey of Fort Wayne was killed in an accident on I-69.

August 28, 1978 - William Conway of Angola was killed in a sewer construction site cave-in.

October 9, 10, 1978 - Daniel Brown of Waterloo was pinned and injured on the 9th and died on the 10th after his car crashed into the rear of a semi truck at County Road 27 and State Road 6.

October 12, 1978 - Fire Chief sites cause of the Garns Candy Company fire as stock piled to close to the lighting system causing a smoldering fire.

November 27, 1978 - Dwight Shereck was killed as his Amoco gasoline tank truck slams into the rear of a semi truck turning off of State Road 8 onto County Road 19.

January 1, 1979 - An arsonist starts a car fire at 1013 Ensley Avenue.

January 2, 1979 - The arsonist strikes again, setting fire to a garage at 1620 Pennsylvania Avenue.

January 9, 1979 - Auburn Fire Fighters assisted Jackson Township on a house fire at the James Mettert home on County Road 60 east of County Road 35. The house was destroyed.

January 16, 1979 - Fire destroyed the garage at the tennant home at the DeKalb County Farm on County Road 40.

January 29, 1979 - Auburn Fire Fighters assisted Angola on a major fire at the House of Glass in Angola.

January 31, 1979 - The arsonist sets another fire in a garage at 825 South Hazel Street.

February 19, 1979 - An explosion and fire destroys the pumping station at the Gladieux Storage Terminal on 427 North of Auburn.

February 22, 1979 - Arsonist starts a fire in the house at 1918 South Wayne Street.

March 25, 1979 - Arsonist sets a car fire at 1003 Ensley Avenue.

March 28, 1979 - Arsonist sets another garage fire at 1918 South Wayne Street.

April 3, 1979 - Arsonist sets another garage fire at 836 South Indiana Avenue.

April 14, 1979 - Auburn Fire Fighters assisted Garrett on a fire at Garrett Flexible (A rubber company) in Garrett.

November 17, 1979 - Arson fire at 712 Lakeshore causes $2,000.00 damage.

January 4, 1980 - Blaze guts Western Auto Store in downtown Auburn.

February 2, 1980 - Auburn assists Angola in fire at Tri-State College in Angola.

June 24, 1980 - Larry Sawyer was severly burned in an explosion at his home on North Douglas Street. He died from his burns on July 19, 1980.

July 3, 1980 - Auburn assisted Garrett on a downtown fire at the Senior Citizens Center.

December 10, 1980 - The home of Theodore Shaw at 700 Helen Avenue was destroyed by fire.

January 16, 1981 - Five young children escape a burning mobile home on County Road 47 north of County Road 40-A

February 3, 1981 - A fire in an air compressor sets off the sprinkler system at Essex International on Auburn Drive.

1972 Mack 75 Foot Aerial Scope

February 11, 1981 - A suspicious fire gutted the Maverick Club on South Wayne Street. The wind chill factor was -33 degrees.

February 12, 1981 - The home of Kenneth Brown at 1110 Naomi Street has heavy fire damage.

February 13, 1981 - The home of Ronald Parrish at 209 South Clark Street has heavy fire damage.

July 24, 1981 - A fire bomb damages the Auburn Foundry Stoker building on West 11th Street.

September 29, 1981 - An arsonist burns three game tents at the DeKalb County Fair in downtown Auburn.

December 16, 1981 - A fireplace fire at the Eldon Priutt home at 1408 Cherry Lane caused $9,000.00 damages.

January 10, 1982 - Snow emergency in effect, -11 degrees, with high winds, windchill -67 degrees.

January 17, 1982 - The Romey McSorely home on County Road 29 South of 19th Street was gutted, damage was $70,000.00. Temperature was -20 degrees with a windchill of -47 degrees.

January 31, 1982 - A chimney fire at the John Shipe residence at 406 North Clark Street caused $5,000.00 damages.

February 1, 1982 - The city and county is buried under 15 inches of snow.

February 3, 1982 - Another snow emergency.

February 10, 1982 - The Larry Nolan home on 427 South of 11A was destroyed.

April 19, 1982 - A dryer fire at the Mary Creager home at 614 Railroad Street caused $3,000.00 damage.

April 20, 1982 - Fire caused $30,000.00 damage to the Willard Hughs home at 1701 South Phillip Street.

June 11, 1982 - The home of Irene Summers at 109 Maxwell Place received $1,800.00 damage when a plastic pan in the oven caught fire.

August 16, 1982 - Auburn Fire Department made a rescue run to State Road 8 at " deadman's curve" for extrication of Monica Conkle who was killed in the accident.

August 30, 1982 - The Robert Stonestreet home at 3325 Morning Star Road received $20,000.00 damage.

September 6, 1982 - A rescue run to County Road 68 West of County Road 19 for the extrication of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith.

September 1982 - Auburn assisted Butler on a major fire at the Kaiser Agriculture Chemical Company. Damages to exceed $3,000,000.00.

1983 Chevrolet Chiefs Car - (former police car)

May 5, 1983 - A fire at the Auburn Foundry at 635 West 11th Street happened when an overheated ladle split spilling 5 tons of molton iron onto the floor.

May 23, 1983 - Another fire at the Auburn Foundry in the roof near a large cupola.

June 5, 1983 - The home of Irene Beers at 409 East 7th Street received heavy fire damage to the kitchen.

July 13, 1983 - The James Davis home at 749 North Cedar Street received heavy damage in a 5:06 A.M. fire.

August 26, 1983 - There was a fire at Cooper Industrial Products on West 11th Street in a paint booth in the paint room.

September 25, 1983 - The Mouse Hole, a Youth For Christ fair attraction, collapsed during construction injuring 2 people.

October 14, 1983 - Fire in the vent ducts of a paint booth at Cooper Industrial Products, 725 West 11th Street.

December 14, 1983 - A garage at the Jerry Sink residence at 105 West Williams Street received medium fire damage.

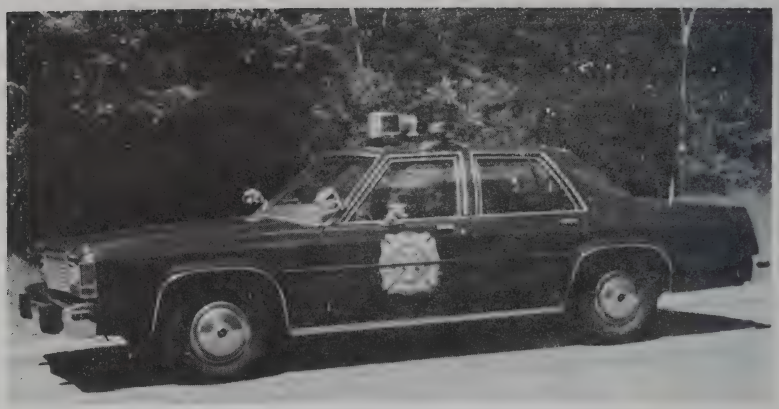
December 20, 1983 - The home of Don Morningstar, 1632 Lakeshore Drive received heavy damage to the kitchen.

April 22, 1984 - The Don Albin home at 1107 Riviera Court received medium damage caused by a chimney fire.

April 26, 1984 - A major blaze guts 4 business at the corner of Union and 7th Streets - The Unemployment Office, Wible Real Estate, Joe's Barber Shop, Holbens Garage and 3 apartments on the second floor.

June 29, 1984 - An electrical short caused a fire that destroyed Miller's Meat Market and caused heavy smoke damage to an apartment on the second floor and heavy smoke damage to Hampshires Barber Shop. These were located at the North East Corner of Cedar and 7th Streets.

August 11, 1984 - A construction worker on the new DeKalb County Jail at 8th and Union Streets was seriously injured when a crane came into contact with a 69,000 volt power line.



1981 Ford - Fire Marshall's Car (a former police car)

August 24, 1984-A semi truck carrying a full load of Faygo Pop crashed on I-69, one mile south of US 6 killing its driver, Kim Johnson.

September 19, 1984 - Auburn assisted Angola on a fire at the Green Grass Lawn Service in Angola with the aerial scope truck.

October 26, 1984 - Fire extensively damaged the home of Ronald Osbun at 329 North Street.

November 16, 1984 - Auburn assisted Angola on a fire at the Angola Lumber Company with the aerial scope truck.

November 29, 1984-Lisa Kay VanAllen of Grabill lost her life in a crash on 427 over Cedar Creek 2 miles south of Auburn. Michael Bryant of Auburn was seriously injured.

January 8, 1985 - Auburn assisted Butler, Waterloo, St. Joe and Spencerville fire departments on a tank car fire of Propyl Acetate on County Road 59 at the Norfolk and Southern railroad crossing.

April 3, 1985 - Fire destroys large dust collector at Mark of Pride Kitchens on north Indiana Avenue.

April 21, 1985 - The home of Steve Koons at South Union and East 17th Street is destroyed by fire.

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